AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(IN FORMAT COMPLIANT WITH THE REVISED 37 CFR 1.121)

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a housing having an upper surface;

a first button disposed in said upper surface and configured to generate a first instruction;

a first device (i) disposed within said housing and (ii) configured to generate one or more first control signals in response to said first instruction, wherein said first control signals consist of signals dedicated to advancing through a plurality of slides presented by an electronic presentation program;

a resonator (i) disposed within said housing and (ii) coupled to said first device; and

a bus interface disposed within said housing and configured to (i) present said one or more first control signals and (ii) provide power to said first device, wherein said first device is configured to operate according to a standard device driver provided in an operating system and said apparatus is configured to connect, in addition to a mouse and a keyboard, to a second device configured to run said electronic presentation program.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second button disposed in said upper surface and configured to generate a second instruction, wherein (i) said first device is further configured to generate one or more second control signals in response to said second instruction, said one or more second control signals consisting of signals dedicated to retreating through said plurality of slides and (ii) said bus interface is further configured to present said one or more second control signals.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

said second device is configured to communicate through a cable coupled to said bus interface.

4. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said bus interface comprises a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to communicate via a wireless link with said second device.

6. (CANCELED).

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to control said

electronic presentation program simultaneously with said keyboard and said mouse.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second device comprises a computer.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein (i) said bus interface is configured to be hot-plugged to said computer at any time, even while said computer is running and (ii) said apparatus is immediately available for use without re-booting or re-powering said computer.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first instruction and said second instruction are generated by a presenter.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first instruction and said second instruction are generated in response to said first button and said second button, respectively, being pressed.

12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to operate without user-installed driver software.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an alert indicator disposed in said housing.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said alert indicator comprises a visible indicator disposed in a surface of said housing.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a laser pointer.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling an electronic presentation comprising the steps of:

(A) providing a first device comprising (i) a housing, (ii) a first button disposed in a surface of said housing, ~~and~~ (iii) a control circuit disposed within said housing and configured to generate one or more first control signals in response to said first button being pressed and (iv) a resonator disposed in said housing and coupled to said control circuit, wherein said one or more first control signals consist of signals dedicated to advance said electronic presentation through a plurality of slides presented by an electronic presentation program and said device is configured to connect, in addition to a mouse and a keyboard, to a second device configured to run said electronic presentation program;

(B) providing power over a bus to said first device; and

(C) operating said first device according to a standard device driver provided in an operating system.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:

providing a second button (i) disposed in said surface of said housing and (ii) configured to generate one or more second control signals in response to said second button being pressed, wherein said one or more second control signals consist of signals dedicated to retreat said electronic presentation through said plurality of slides.

18. (CANCELED).

19. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 16, wherein said method is implemented using a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a device consisting of (a) a housing configured to be held in a hand of a presenter, (b) a first button and a second button disposed in a surface of said housing, ~~and~~ (c) a control circuit (i) disposed within said housing and (ii) configured to generate one or more first control signals when said first button is pressed and one or more second control signals when said second button is pressed and (d) a resonator (i) disposed within said

housing and (ii) coupled to said control circuit, wherein (i) said one or more first control signals and said one or more second control signals are dedicated to controlling advancement through a plurality of slides presented by an electronic presentation program and (ii) said control circuit is configured to communicate through a bus with a standard device driver provided in an operating system; and

a computer configured to (i) run said electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through said bus, wherein said computer simultaneously controls said electronic presentation program in response to said device, a keyboard and a mouse.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus is configured as a handheld device.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to enumerate as said standard device.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first device is configured to enumerate as a human interface device (HID).

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said alert indicator comprises a vibrator disposed within said housing.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said device is configured to connect to said computer in addition to said keyboard and said mouse.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first device is configured to advance and retreat through said plurality of slides one slide at a time.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 17, wherein said one or more first control signals advance said electronic presentation by a single slide only and said one or more second control signals retreat said electronic presentation by a single slide only.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is further configured to implement a standard keyboard human interface device (HID) function.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device does not generate signals representing movement of said device or any of an x displacement, a y displacement, an x position and a y position.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is further configured such that

said first device cannot inadvertently exit said electronic presentation.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 16, wherein said first device is further configured to not interrupt said electronic presentation.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein said first device is further configured to not generate signals representing any of an x displacement, a y displacement, an x position and a y position.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:

eliminating the presentation to a presenter of complex options that have a potential to disrupt a flow of said electronic presentation.